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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to sharply higher throughout the country. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged moderate to good, with best movement usually centering around retail feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to close, occasionally tight. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was no better than moderate as dealers assessed current needs. Light type hens were sufficient for trade requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 7.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 9.5 cents higher on mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 11 cents higher on extra large, unchanged to 10 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 13 cents higher on mediums. Prices remained unchanged in New England. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. Supplies were usually adequate to close for the moderate to good demand. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were usually adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate to ample for current needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Offerings were adequate to tight for trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into both retail and food service outlets was mostly good with the best movement into retail features. Supplies were adequate to close for the balance of the sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Breakers were showing mostly light to moderate interest in extra product. Offerings were generally adequate and floor stocks were in good balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to firm. Demand into all outlets moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Offerings adequate to close on all sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good entering the week, with best movement usually centering around the scattered retail feature activity. Supplies were about adequate to close on all sizes. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 22, 1999, was 47.82 cents, 2.57 cents more than the week before, but 28.85 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally fair. Spent hen availability was sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices in California 10 cents higher on jumbo, 13 cents higher on extra large, large, medium, and small; in the Northwest 12 cents higher on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand good. Offerings short.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	87-89	69-71
New York	65-67	62-65	51-54
Philadelphia	57.5-65	55.5-63	46.5-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	54-55	52.5-54	43-44
Jackson (1)	64-65	61-62	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-76	60-74	50-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	43-48
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51.5-57	50-55	40-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	43-50
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	71-73	68-69	57-58
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, 13 cents higher on extra large, large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings short. Small invoice price 51. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119-129, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 99-159.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	102	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	88	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	80	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	71	MEDIUM	149-189
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	199-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	139-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 29, 1999 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 22, 1999 were 269,563 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	232,387	37,176	269,563
% change from the prior week.....	-10	+3	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Breakers were assessing immediate needs and showed a mostly light to moderate interest in any additional product. Offerings were generally adequate. Floor stocks were in good balance with current production requirements. Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-18	16-18

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority price was irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate but not as available as last week. Demand was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5	8-12.5	10.66
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	11-13	12.54

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 25, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	9.1	6.1	12.0	9.5	46.1
	Change	1.3	-3.7	0.8	0.1	1.0	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.2	19.2	8.9	18.9	15.5	89.7
	Change	-0.4	-3.3	-0.2	-5.1	-0.8	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	37.9	56.1	45.1	63.3	68.4	270.8
	Change	2.4	-8.0	-8.1	-0.3	-0.1	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.1	27.2	12.7	16.8	14.4	87.2
	Change	6.6	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-7.0	0%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	4.7	1.8	5.4	3.7	19.8
	Change	0.6	0.6	-0.5	1.5	-2.2	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.5	22.9	8.9	13.0	4.8	56.1
	Change	0.4	1.9	-0.4	3.5	-1.0	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.6	67.9	15.3	21.7	46.5	188.0
	Change	0.7	-8.1	-4.2	-1.0	5.3	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	137.9	207.1	98.8	151.1	162.8	757.7
Percent	Change	9%	-9%	-11%	-1%	-3%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	757.7	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	448.9	-11%	38
Total Shell Egg	1206.6	-6%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/21/99

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS	
26.00							22.50							48.50	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	44.00	46.00	40.00	43.00	48.63	—	GNR W 1	—	52.91	—	—	—	—	16.25	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.00	—	GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	1.75	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	54.50	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	51.50	47.88	51.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	55.25	3.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.75	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.50	
GL W MD	—	—	38.50	40.00	—	—									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/15/99 - 10/21/99

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS	
99.00							52.00							151.00	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	39.50	41.00	30.70	36.57	47.56	—	GNR W 1	—	52.91	—	—	—	—	16.25	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.00	40.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.00	—	GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	1.75	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	GL W XL	—	54.50	—	52.00	—	52.00	4.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.00	61.00	—	58.50	GL W LG	—	48.50	—	—	—	51.25	9.00	
GL W XL	—	—	36.50	45.25	44.00	51.75	GL W MD	—	40.00	—	—	34.00	37.00	12.00	
GL W LG	—	—	37.50	42.08	41.14	—	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.50	2.00	
GL W MD	—	—	34.13	36.60	34.75	29.25	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	—	—	15.75	17.63	18.00	—	NRBS - 48	24.20	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	30.00									
NRBS - 48	—	31.80	28.00	—	28.65	30.83									
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.90	32.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	30.50	33.50									
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—									

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/10/99 - 10/16/99

Origin												
State	AR	CA	CO	IA	LA	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	1,580	-	800	-	-	1,213	-	775	4,368
C. CA	-	-	900	1,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	3,360
S. CA	510	90	810	6,936	742	2,340	4,530	4,010	-	4,240	3,370	27,578
TTL STATE	510	90	1,710	10,176	742	3,140	4,530	4,010	1,213	4,240	4,945	35,306

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	82-85	68-71	50-53	14-17

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	37-42	19-23

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	25-27	9-11

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
63.81	57.20	37.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/18/99	10/11/99	10/19/98
PACIFIC COAST	20	2	14
LOS ANGELES	0	0	14

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR October 19, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 10/10/99-10/16/99
30-dozen cases 3,690

Receipts from the mainland: 10/3/99-10/9/99
30-dozen cases 3,167

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